

ADVANCEMENT TO YEAR IV AND REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLINICAL COMPETENCY EXAMINATION

In order to be promoted to the fourth year (MS IV), all third year clerkships must be successfully completed. With the exception of the Senior Symposium, no third year student may enroll in any fourth year required or elective courses prior to the successful completion of all third year requirements. Included in these requirements is the Clinical Competency Examination administered at the end of Year III by designees of the Coordinating Committee for Clinical Education (CCCE). Students who are not successful in passing all stations in this exam will be required to remediate according to the following provisions and time line.

UNSUCCESSFUL FIRST ATTEMPT

Should a student be unsuccessful in passing any of the stations, the student will be required to:

- Meet with the case author to debrief and discuss this or her performance and decision-making process during the particular station(s).
- Successfully complete any and all remediation (with a grade of “C” or better) assigned by the case author, in concurrence with the Coordinating Committee for Clinical Education (CCCE). The case author will consider the nature of the performance problem and determine the specific remediation to be attached to the student’s fourth year (e.g., two weeks ambulatory medicine). All remediation must be successfully completed PRIOR to the administration of the second examination. MS IV elective credit may be awarded for completing the remediation requirement BUT remediation credit may not be retroactively awarded for any elective previously completed.

The case author will document any remedial requirement and provide such documentation to the Office of Academic Affairs to be included in the student’s file. Failure to schedule and complete the required remediation will place the student in jeopardy of immediate dismissal.

RETESTING

Upon successful completion of all required remediation as provided by the previous section, the student will be eligible to retest. The criteria for passing the remedial exam will be identical to those required to pass the initial exam. The remedial exam will be administered to the student using the following criteria:

If, on the initial Clinical Competency Exam, the student was not successful in completing:

- one (1) station, the student may be retested using a two-station remedial exam.
- two or more stations, the student must be retested by the entire remedial exam.

UNSUCCESSFUL SECOND ATTEMPT

Individual case authors will review the computer-generated report for any student who fails to meet the passing criteria. Should a student be unsuccessful in passing any of the remedial exam stations, the student will be required to:

- Meet with the case author to debrief and discuss his or her performance and decision-making process during the particular station(s).
- Complete at least four weeks of Clinical Evaluation during which time the student will work with at least two preceptors. Up to four weeks of MS IV elective credit may be granted for completing this Clinical Evaluation requirement. The preceptors will be specifically charged with closely observing the student's skills.

For the purposes of scheduling the Clinical Evaluation, the 30-day rule will not apply. Those students who are required to complete the Clinical Evaluation course will have up to two (2) weeks to schedule the course and notify both the CCCE Committee and the Office of Academic Affairs of the course dates. Elective or required courses taken during the CCCE's review of the student's remedial exam performance (not to exceed two weeks) will not be used to fulfilling the Clinical Evaluation requirement.

SELECTION OF CLINICAL EVALUATION PRECEPTORS

As indicated in the previous section, two preceptors will be required to evaluate the student during a month-long Clinical Evaluation course. Preceptors must be full-time faculty members of the School of Medicine and be representative of at least two different clinical departments.

The duties and responsibilities of the preceptors will be as follows:

- Observation and documentation of the student's skill level in obtaining an adequate history (at a level reasonable for an MS IV) of patients with mild to moderately complicated illnesses.
- Observation and documentation of the student's skill level in making sound medical decisions after consideration of various sources of information. Those sources may include, but are not limited to, the results

of physical examinations, patient history, laboratory and/or radiographic studies.

- Provision of a narrative statement to the CCCE that details the student's skill level with regard to both of the above areas.
- Recommendation of a final grade (i.e., Satisfactory or Not Satisfactory)

Successful completion of the Clinical Evaluation course with "Satisfactory" marks will satisfy the requirement for passing the Clinical Competency Exam. If, in the judgement of the CCCE, the student does not successfully complete the Clinical Evaluation requirement, the student will be referred to Academic Standards.

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